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Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA

AUGUST 29, 2007

UC330-331 - 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 2, 2007
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Provost Engstrom
 - b. UM Dining Services
 - c. Haimin Feature
 - d. Website - Biographies
 - e. Other
6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Committee Appointments
 - b. Student Resolution Officer
 - c. Students-at-large
 - d. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

STIP - \$164,894.55

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$\$20,500

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$138,075.27

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$21,500

 - a. New Forms
 - b. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, August 29, 2007
UC 330-331 - 6 p.m.

Chair Ness called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: President Leftridge, Vice President Ness, Business Manager Henderson; Senators Chapman, Childers, Cossitt, Cox, Dodds, Effertz, Fennell, Ferguson, Fulton, Gosline, Harrison, Herrera, Hunter, Kuhn, Morrison (6:39), Nalty (6:06), Rand (6:17), Tabibnejad (6:04), Tipton and Tolton.

The minutes for the May 2, 2007, meetings were approved.

Public Comment

*Dean of Students Charles Couture welcomed Senate members. He reminded them of the oath of office they took in May and wished them well.

*UC Director Candy Holt welcomed Senate members and distributed a calendar of UC activities for the near future. She told of various improvements in the UC - new roof, carpet, paint and restroom updating. She encouraged them to come to her for information or with concerns. A tour of the UC will be forthcoming.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Tabibnejad and Nalty.

*ASUM Office of Transportation Director Wilson reported that she put a bus schedule in each of their mailboxes to acquaint them with ongoing and new routes/times. Through an intercap loan from UM Administration, they are purchasing two new buses, the bio-bus to arrive around Christmas and the other next Spring. This Friday at 8:30 a.m. a bus like one ordered will be available to view at Facilities Services for ½ hour. A newly-created position of road supervisor has been filled by Ryan Loomis, who has started off running. More bike racks will be appearing around campus.

*Hillary Parson and others from the Montana Anthropology Student Association introduced themselves and said they looked forward to another year as an ASUM-recognized group.

President's Report

a. Provost Engstrom welcomed the Senate and introduced himself, having recently arrived on campus as the new provost. He distributed a draft on "Early Alert," a mechanism for receiving feedback from faculty in the first 3-4 weeks about students who might be in need of extra help in their course work. These students would be contacted through CyberBear and offered tips and information about how to receive the help. The purpose of this program is to improve the retention rate and assure student success in college. He will be presenting this to Faculty Senate for their support and would like to have ASUM Senate's, too. He fielded questions and received suggestions.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Rand.

b. Dining Services staff Byron Drake and Shelly Gay welcomed the Senate and discussed the UM Concessions program. Global Griz, Men's Lacrosse, Lambda Alliance and the Equestrian Team have signed up for the program to

help at the games. They also updated the Senate on the "Think Tank" project, a green facility to be located by the main entrance of Urey Lecture Hall which will provide a larger menu and inside seating for patrons. The Food Zoo will also be undergoing a renovation.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Morrison.

c. ASUM is advertising for an intern dedicated to submitting a regular feature on ASUM to the Montana Kaimin.

d. ASUM's new website was brought up on the screen and received a positive response from Senators. Those who haven't submitted bios for the site were asked to do so as soon as possible.

e. Senators will leave for Idaho and the Senate retreat at 8 a.m. Saturday.

f. The 6th annual ice cream social will be held Sunday, September 9, from 3-5 p.m. in the 400 block of University Avenue. Senators were asked to attend and to sign up for a time to distribute flyers about the event door-to-door.

g. ASUM's new classified staff receptionist Meghan Aagaard started work today. Senators were asked to introduce themselves and welcome her.

Vice President's Report

a. Committee appointments were approved as submitted (Exhibit A).

b. Ness carried out the duties of Student Resolution Officer over the summer. The position is now being advertised.

c. Students-at-large are needed on committees.

d. Ness distributed cups for water and asked that Senators return them after the meeting so she can prepare them for next week.

Business Manager's Report

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$578.47

S.T.I.P. - \$94,082.59

ZERO BASE CARRYOVER - \$93,045.23

a. Henderson welcomed Senate and brought their attention to the account balances noted on the agenda. She reported on the newly-designed forms, which will be available online. Travel request forms are due September 17. The Board on Budget and Finance will meet next week for the first time.

Committee Reports

a. ASCRC (Nalty) - General education requirements are being finalized. A proposal to drop the course repeat fee will be discussed. Advance placement credits will also be addressed.

Unfinished Business - None

To see a list of resolutions in their entirety with the action taken on them, please go to: www.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm.

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New Business

- a. Resolution on World AIDS Day.
- b. Resolution on a sustainability intern

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Hayes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager